

Labor Committees. He sponsored bills on things such as, horse racing, water issues, mining, transportation and tort reform. His main focus was on agriculture, water, ranching issues and banking issues.

Senator Wattenberg received many honors. In 1989 and 1990, he received the Legislator of the Year from CACI. In 1988 he received awards from Colorado Ski Country USA, and the Consulting Engineers Council. He was also honored with the NFIB Guardian of Small Business award.

This year marked the end of Senator Wattenberg's tenure in elected office. His career embodied the citizen-legislator ideal and was a model that every official in elected office should seek to emulate. The citizens of Colorado owe Senator Wattenberg a debt of gratitude and I wish him well.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, due to a previously scheduled family event, I missed rollcall votes Nos. 207–210. Had I been present, I would have voted: Rollcall No. 207—"yea"; rollcall No. 208—"no"; rollcall No. 209—"no"; rollcall No. 210—"yea."

INTRODUCING A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE CHIEF WASHAKIE STATUE IN STATUARY HALL LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES CAPITOL

HON. BARBARA CUBIN

OF WYOMING

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mrs. CUBIN. Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to present to the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives a concurrent resolution providing for the placement of the Chief Washakie statue in Statuary Hall located in the U.S. Capitol.

As the resolution states, Chief Washakie, leader of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, contributed greatly to the settlement of the west by allowing the Oregon and Mormon trails to pass through Shoshone lands.

Chief Washakie was well known as a distinguished leader and a stately warrior who bravely defended the Shoshone and their allies. Additionally, Chief Washakie was the only chief to be awarded a full military funeral.

On behalf of the people of Wyoming I am proud to put forth this legislation providing this commemoration of one of the State's most celebrated names.

REMEMBERING THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

HON. MICHAEL BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, on this Memorial Day, as on similar days in years past, we

remember the contributions of the millions of men and women who served in our Armed Forces. It is also a day to instill in younger Americans the tradition of honoring those who died in service to their country.

This year we commemorate two important events—the 50th anniversary of the Korean war and the 25th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam war. These anniversaries remind us of how important it is to remember our history and to honor those who died to protect our future.

Memorial Day is a time for new generations to learn about the price America has paid to preserve freedom and lead other nations to democracy. Those of us who lived through the cold war have a responsibility to educate our children and grandchildren about the dangers still present in the world—and the need to maintain defenses strong enough to deter potential adversaries.

The words "freedom" and "democracy" are most often used to explain why members of our Armed Forces gave their lives to defend our country. And in far-off places such as Bosnia and South Korea, American men and women are still fighting for these principles.

There are no words to adequately describe the supreme sacrifice made by brave Americans who died in service to this Nation. But we can demonstrate our deep respect for them—and their families—by remembering their struggle.

Each of us has an obligation to honor the sacrifices of those who have worn the uniform of our Armed Forces. On Memorial Day, take time to remember that our freedom was paid for in blood on battlefields around the world.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CHRISTOPHER SHAYS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall votes 211, 212, and 213. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on H.R. 3852, a bill extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in Alabama; "aye" on S. 1236, a bill extending the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project in Idaho; and "aye" on H. Con. Res. 302, which provides for a national moment of remembrance to honor men and women who died in pursuit of freedom and peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CASS BALLENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, May 22, 2000, I missed rollcall votes 211 (H.R. 3852) and 212 (S. 1236). Had I been present I would have voted "yea" on both.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOSEPHINE BARNETT LACKEY

HON. CHARLES W. "CHIP" PICKERING

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 23, 2000

Mr. PICKERING. Mr. Speaker, my heart is heavy and saddened today at the passing of Mrs. Josephine Barnett Lackey, affectionately known as "Miss Jo", who passed away unexpectedly on Sunday May 14, 2000, at the St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, TN, after suffering cardiac arrest. "Miss Jo", a constituent of mine from Forest, Mississippi, was the wife of Jimmy Lackey, owner of Lackey Home Center in Forest, and one of the more prominent Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders, and Exhibitors in our state. Her death was untimely, and has certainly shocked and devastated the Forest community.

"Miss Jo" grew up in the Standing Pine community in Leake County, and graduated from Walnut Grove High School. She graduated from Delta State University with a degree in Elementary Education in the spring of 1950, and shortly thereafter moved to Forest where she taught in the Forest School System. She and Mr. Lackey were married in 1953, and on July 12, 2000, they would have celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary. For more than 50 years, she was a resident of Forest.

"Miss Jo" delighted in meeting, greeting and helping people. That was her hallmark. That is why the Gift and Bridal Registry Shop she operated in the Lackey Home Center was such a fascination and delight to her. She loved being with people, and offering suggestions that would make their life happier and enjoyable. Sid Salter, editor-publisher of the Scott County Times, summed it up real well when he said in his May 17, 2000, editorial, Josephine Lackey, "there are few homes in Forest that don't have a piece of fine crystal or china hand chosen by Jo Lackey as a gift. For rich and poor alike, she gave her best advice and treated every customer at Lackey Home Center as a friend."

"Miss Jo" was president of the Forest Garden Club, and was a member of the Hontokalo Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a member of the Forest Baptist Church and was a substitute Sunday School teacher. Her love and faith in God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, was most evident in the two scripture passages that were used by her Pastor Reverend Gordon Sansing, and her former Pastor Sonny Adkins as the text for their remarks at her funeral. The passages were: Psalms 71:17–18 "O God, thou has taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. Now that I am old and greyheaded, O God forsake me not, until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come", and Proverbs 3:5–6 "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths."

Again, quoting Sid Salter, "Josephine Barnett Lackey was—by every rational measure of mind, body and spirit—a beautiful, elegant woman. Blessed with the beauty nature gave her as a young woman, Josephine Lackey merited the still beautiful face of a faithful wife,